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Dear Howard,

You drip the mister, too.

I have taken the liberty of sending a set of the enclosures with your letter of the sixth to Gary Schoener, who is a close friend (I feel of his as a father does of a son) who is right now in Dallas for a brief visit. I enclose a copy of the letter to him and the orginals you sent me.

Because I want to get the letter to him in today's mail and have to leave in a few moments to pick up my wife, thus can save myself an extra trip into town, I reply in a bit of haste.

You come through as more and more mature than 16. Very good!

You can pretty much pick your own time, subject to the approval of your parents. If the number of trips you can make is limited, I suggest you pick a vacation period, for my files are extensive. If you have a tape recorder, I suggest you bring it or tell me what kind you have and if mine are compatible, you can use them to record anything you may want to. It seems to me there are two fruitful ways in which I can help you: by discussing things with you and by giving you access to my materials. The first will be somewhat limited by the available time and the second may be by commitments I have made to others and by my own intended uses, in some cases. (You will learn that reserving the first use of materials need not be selfishness, as I can show you by examples, for it preserves the context in which the material appears and the doctrine of its use.)

Greyhound, with a change at Baltimore, is the only through way. It hardly pays to take the plane, for that also requires either an expensive cab trip to the bus station in Baltimore or that I go to the airport to pick you up. Whenever you come, tell me the bus you'll be on and I'll meet you at the Frederick station.

I'll be interested in knowing how you established the first shot at Z186-7 (which is what I said in WW). I have no doubt it was by 202 and agree on 186... Thompson was given the 237 Connally hit by Ray Marcus in the early fall of 1966, right before Ray came to see me. He then told me. I originally though this may have been 226-7 (recall the ellipsis in WWII on this?) but have been inclined to agree with Ray. I understand he has since changed his opinion, but I have to be convinced....I have been less than completely persuaded about Ray's work on Moorman. He gave me permission to use it in 1966 but I never have. He has since obtained technical support for his analysis...I have a first and minority opinion about the double hit (WWII:227).

You are correct in pointing out two of my errors. There are more, i.e., the suggestion of touching up on Willis 5 around Mrs. JFK's neck. It was the failure of the Commission to go into this picture which, with their facilities (that I lacked) would have established this as the visor of the motorcycle. On Altgens, if you read what I wrote carefully, it is all precidcated on "if Liebeler is right". Nonetheless, it is an error. I once confronted Liebeler on this picture. He was entirely silent on that point. In fact, he made not a single allegation of error on my part, and this was on TV, in Hollywood.

I'll have to finish after getting my wife, so this may not go out today....

Sometimes, as now, I have too little time and too much to do. Thus I do an antisocial thing, I do not take time to correct my terrible typing. Sorry. Also, sometimes I come accross as nasty or short, even angry, when I am not. When I am it is usually obvious and pointed, so if in my haste I give you one of these impressions, please understand it is accidental, not intended.

We can help you on pictures, I less than others. After doing the initial work and theinitial exposure, I was only too happy to turn everything over to several other who have done better than I could have. With most of the pictures i Dick Sprague. However, by now Gary probably has quite a few on slides and would undoubtedly make copies of those you want when there is time.

You say you have found out where Harper found the piece of skull. Do I presume you can prove it is other than where the FBI said? Almost any other place would be less inconsistent with the official fictions. Also, you say, "I stumbled onto more suppressed pictures". Would you care to say what? Here let me caution you: you are entitled to the fruit of your own labor, the product of your own mind, and do not be ashamed to ask for or insist upon it. As you get to know more of the small number of us, you will soon know who you can trust and who you cannot. Some will steal anything. Others will give inadequate or deceptive credit. Remember, you are working in a field where most of the knowledge is public, requiring only the locating. My own work has been used as an index to the Commission's files.

When you say the Harper slides "are not in the W.C.'s files", that is not enough. I checked this thoroughly in 1966 and was told there is also no record of them. This is not the only case where the FBI got things and denied them to the Commission, in each case of which I know what was inconsistent with the FBI's doctrine.

On the speed of the Zapruder camera, suppose I acknowledge it is fair to say I erred and then you check into what you do not know and into the camera itself (I have a duplicate, another of the same model), and see if it would be unfair to rephrase this. It is one of the major deceptions.

If you desire, you may read my two completed autopsy books while you are here. They are the first and third. The second is researched. They run about 175,000-200,000 words, besides appendix, which is lengthy. One of them deals with the panel report, was done before the Washington trial on it and was the basis of the evidence in that trial.

Would you care to say where you got your Zapruder copy? You need not. I have one you may see when you are here. If mine is clearer, we can get a duplicate of it for you, if you's like (cost, $10.00).

Let me caution you to draw no conclusions about the so-called "trump" pictures until you learn what nobody has yet said about them. I had two investigations made in Dallas and the men were not arrested butwere picked up, and not where everyone has assumed without cheking out. (Two blocks away, to the south).

Before closing, let me assure you that I am not the only one who will and probably can help with your book. When you know what you lack and need, then we can let you know. If I seem to ignore something you said, it is simply the undue haste, for there are many letters today requiring answer.

Manybthanks for your help. We'll let you know what we get, if anything, from Harper and the other doctors I've asked Gary to try and see on.